# Historical Marker - L1808C - Big Rock (Marker ID#:L1808C)





#### Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1991 Erected Date: 1991

#### **Marker Location**

Address: M-32 at Thornton Rd

City: Briley Township

**State:** MI ZipCode:

County: Montmorency

Township: Briley

Lat: 45.00692000 / Long: -84.23409800

Web URL:

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#### Big Rock

Natural features have often played a role in the naming of communities. One such settlement was Big Rock. Named after a massive boulder, this hamlet was located at the crossroads of present-day M-32 and Thornton Road. Seth Gillet became the first postmaster in 1882. By 1902 a general store owned by Briley Township pioneer William Remington housed the post office. At that time a church and school, a grange hall, a sawmill, and a blacksmith shop were also located in Big Rock. The post office closed in 1920.

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